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I-15/BAKER PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

BAKER – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will continue to perform the final construction work on Interstate 15 from Baker to Cima Road until August 26, 2004. Lane closures are expected within the project limits for striping, asphalt curbs, pavement markers, and other final details to complete the work. The closures will take place Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Fridays until noon.

The \$50.7 million project began in the summer of 2002 and has replaced 26 miles of pavement and added an 18-mile truck-descending lane on southbound I-15 just south of Baker Road. Six bridges have also been widened within the project limits.

Motorists may experience some delays during the final work. Most of the closures will be of a short duration, as the paving portion of the project is complete.

Travelers are advised to carry extra water when traveling in the desert and make sure your vehicle is in good mechanical condition. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and cooperation during this project, and reminds everyone to **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**.

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